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Hofstra et al. :
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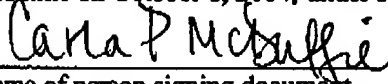
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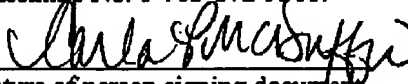
Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time, up to and including October 15, 2004, for the purposes of permitting the timely filing of the enclosed amendment.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the one (1) month extension of time of \$110.00, and any other fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0462.

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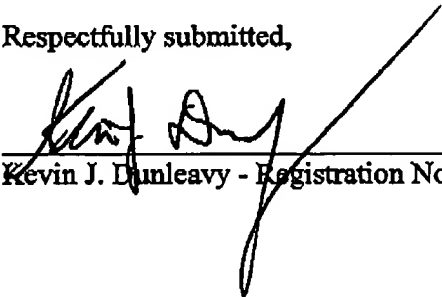
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